

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

A diverse media is a cornerstone of a democracy. The deregulation and "free market" arguments against rules that ensure diversity are ideologically driven positions, for it is plain that the proposed elimination of such rules would promote the consolidation of the media, and the considerable reduction of diversity of viewpoints.